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Maximum, 620; Minimum, 310. One-third required in each subject, except Drawing.

NAME.	PLACE.	MARKS OBT'D.
Smith, Alfred, No. 7, Whitelchurch,		487
Jackson, Albert, Downsview,		451
Wells, Frank, No. 22, King,		439
Stoddart, H. W. P., Richmond Hill,		422
Brems, K. E. C., Newton Brook,		408
Palmer, Bertha, Richmond Hill,		395
Redditt, B. S., "		388
Garvin, Maggie, "		376
Schell, Alf. N., "		374
Patterson, A. S., Carrville,		371
McConaghy, M., Richmond Hill,		362
McGill, John, No. 5, Vaughan,		362
Miller, J. H., Langstaff,		345
Datson, Laura, Richmond Hill,		341
Nixon, Albert, Carrville,		340
Reid, Janet, Richmond Hill,		339
Palmer, Sara, "		330
Jonas, J. E., Carrville,		323
Line, S. I., Maple,		312
Gee, S. J., No. 4, Markham,		312
Harrison, Clara, Richmond Hill,		311

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Bull, C. H., "	291
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DEATHS.

MCCONNELL.—In Richmond Hill, at the residence of his son, James McConnell, on Tuesday morning, Dec. 30th, Mr. John McConnell, aged 75 years.

His remains were interred in the Presbyterian burying-ground, on Wednesday afternoon. Deceased was an old settler in Ontario, having emigrated from the Co. of Monaghan, Ireland, in the year 1817. He was a resident of the County of York for upwards of 45 years.

Thos. Sablin, of Eglinton, says: "I have removed ten corns from my feet with Holloway's Corn Cure."

County Council and Exemption.

To the Editor of THE LIBERAL:

Sir,—My attention has been directed to an editorial in your issue of Dec. 11th, in which it is stated that the County Council made a mistake in recommending the exemption of schools and churches from taxation; and an explanation is asked, of the motives which prompted said action. Here it is: It will be granted that schools are indispensable in our social fabric; that they benefit all, and therefore should be maintained by all. Now, suppose a ratepayer in Richmond Hill pays a tax of twenty dollars for all purposes; would he be relieved in any measure by dividing the tax thus:—Nineteen dollars on real and personal property, and one dollar on the school? The Council answered, No, and, I think, correctly. We can imagine one keeping an account current between his two pockets, which might satisfy his whim, but never could make the individual richer or poorer.

Regarding a tax on churches the question is not quite so clear, because the utility of churches is not universally conceded. Perhaps one in a hundred is an infidel, and argues glibly enough that it is unfair to tax him for Christian institutions of which he disapproves, and from which he derives no benefit. But is he taxed for churches? Certainly he is not. The Methodists lately built a very expensive church in Richmond Hill on which they pay no tax. Did the building of that church raise the rate of taxation in the village? Not a cent. It may, indeed, be argued that the site on which the church stands being exempt from taxation the general rate is thereby raised. Bear in mind, however, that the County Council did not recommend the exemption of church sites, but churches. If it be urged that the church, having added so many thousands to the real estate of the corporation, the general tax ought therefore to be lowered, the answer is:—Only a mean selfish person would take advantage of the liberality of others to save his own purse; and seeing that those who built the church derive no pecuniary benefit from their outlay, neither should those who refuse to contribute derive a pecuniary benefit from that which costs them nothing.

But suppose the infidel could successfully maintain the position that, indirectly, he helps in building churches, I answer: It is just and right that he should do so, for he receives ample recompense. It is impossible to live in our country without partaking of unspeakable advantages, flowing from Christianity through innumerable channels. Our holy religion is doing more for the peace, order and well-being of society than is done by kings, governors, parliaments, magistrates, soldiers, constables and cannon combined; and yet we are called upon to tax churches! Moreover, the British constitution is based on Christianity, and anyone not satisfied that it should be so, let him forthwith seek a

share of the blessings to be found in Ashantee where schools and churches form no part of the annoyances which, even there, must be encountered.

I have thus stated some of the reasons which prompted the County Council to recommend the exemption of schools and churches from taxation; and I now ask you most respectfully to publish them, as an act of justice to the Council, and that the public may have an opportunity of judging.

ROBERT BRUCE.

Gormley, Dec. 19th, 1884.

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BILLIARDS.

To the Editor of THE LIBERAL:

Sir,—As one interested in the welfare of our young people, allow me to express my approval of the noble stand you have taken in the LIBERAL against the proposed Billiard Parlor. As a village we have gone without such a questionable institution for more than fifty years, and there are many of our citizens who are interested in the present and future of our youth who think that it is quite possible for us to do without it for many years to come.

The Billiard Table is admitted by all thoughtful and intelligent men to have a demoralizing tendency, that it is an adjunct of hotels and saloons, whose proprietors use it as an advertising agent to allure the young and unwary who thus attracted are induced to take their first steps toward immorality and vice, as its concomitants are betting, gambling and drinking. In all our large cities, Billiard tables have lowered the tone of society until almost every Public House is not considered furnished, unless one is provided with such, to attract custom. Apart from its association, perhaps it may be allowed that there is little harm in a game of billiards, but excitement is natural to man; but few are content to play for the sake of pastime, and stakes of some kind, either money or drinks, are ventured, the passion for winning by chance grows, larger stakes are put up and the excitement becomes more intense. To gratify this passion for gain, Billiard tables have increased to hundreds in Toronto, there are 6000 in New York, 4000 in Philadelphia, and 1000 in Cincinnati and in every city they are on the increase. The establishment of one paves the way for the introduction of another and loss of character and degradation has been the terrible experience of thousands of young men who have unthinkingly placed themselves under their baneful influences.

I thoroughly believe in every one of us having his full share of fun, merriment and laughter, and making good use of all his faculties, mental and physical, God has given us to live happy and enjoy life, but prudence, as well as wisdom, suggests the selection of pleasures which leave no sting behind, and recreations that do not mar our capacity for future enjoyment, for however harmless in themselves some of these places of recreation may be, there are associations formed and habits contracted by frequenting them, whose influence aways a lifetime and imperils an immortal soul.

Surely there are facilities enough in our midst for placing temptations to evil in the way of the young, enough to make many a mother's heart tremble for her boy, enough to counteract the good influences of our churches and Sabbath Schools, without adding a billiard table to increase the anxiety of parents, who are desirous of training up their children in the habits of frugality and honesty, or another source of evil for the friends of religion and morality to contend against.

If ways of placing temptation in the way of young people are multiplied it must militate against the best interests of our village, for parents at a distance will hesitate to send their boys for instruction where educational institutions are surrounded by pitfalls of danger, and the well known difficulty of sustaining our associations for mental and moral training will be greatly increased. Few villages have so many organizations where all old and young may meet for mutual improvement as we have. Our lodges have weekly gatherings, our Mechanics' Institute with its extensive library, and entertainments, local and foreign, almost touching each other in their succession, ought to be enough amusement to take up all the spare time and money, without squandering them at a billiard table. If, however, there should be money left over what is required for recreation and innocent amusement, it would not be amiss for more of our young men to open a cash account with the government at Ottawa, and drop all their spare dimes in the Post Office Savings Bank, where it will accumulate, come

good some time, and prove a far better investment than placing it on a billiard table where principle and interest will be gobbled up by some one who would rather filch the hard earnings of others than go to work himself.

About this bird of evil omen who has swooped down on our village, I have nothing to say, he is a stranger to me, but if any man has ability enough to make a respectable umbrella hawker, or brains sufficient for a skillful scissors grinder, or even muscle to shoulder a street organ, either would be a much more legitimate calling for any man to follow, and infinitely more honest than running any kind of apparatus for the purpose of fleecing a few young men out of their money, time and character.

WM. HARRISON.

Richmond Hill, Dec. 30th, 1884.

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Municipal Elections.

The nominations for municipal honors was held in the Council Chamber on Monday, Dec. 29th, 1884. The following minutes were taken:—

Moved by Mr. D. C. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. R. E. Law, that Mr. John Brown be nominated for the office of Reeve for the ensuing year.

Moved by Mr. J. W. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Jas. Brownlee, that Mr. Wm. Pugsley be nominated for the office of Reeve for the ensuing year.

Moved by Mr. D. C. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. John Brown, that Mr. Wm. D. Powell, jr., be nominated for the office of Councillor for the ensuing year.

Moved by Mr. C. Dancumb, seconded by Mr. D. Boyle, that Mr. John Duncan be nominated for the office of Councillor for the ensuing year.

Moved by Mr. D. C. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Wm. Daniels, that Mr. Ben. Redditt be nominated for the office of Councillor for the ensuing year.

Mr. John Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Thos. Dobson, that Mr. I. Crosby be nominated for the office of Councillor for the ensuing year.

Mr. P. G. Savege moved, seconded by Mr. Wm. R. Proctor, that Mr. J. H. Sanderson be nominated as Councillor for the ensuing year.

Mr. D. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. H. F. Hopper, that Mr. Alex. Moodie be nominated for the office of Councillor for the ensuing year.

Mr. J. A. E. Switzer moved, seconded by Mr. Jas. Daniels, that Mr. P. G. Savege be nominated for the office of Councillor for the ensuing year.

Mr. H. B. Dewsbury moved, seconded by Mr. Alex. Moodie, that Dr. W. J. Wilson be nominated for the office of Councillor for the ensuing year.

Mr. John Duncan moved, seconded by Mr. J. W. Elliott, that Mr. Francis McConaghy be nominated for the office of Councillor for the ensuing year.

Mr. I. Crosby moved, seconded by Mr. F. McConaghy, that Mr. R. E. Law be nominated for the office of Councillor for the ensuing year.

Mr. John Brown moved, seconded by Mr. J. W. Elliott, that Mr. Thos. Dobson be nominated for the office of Councillor for the ensuing year.

Mr. F. McConaghy moved, seconded by Mr. I. Crosby, that Mr. Jos. Powell be nominated for the office of Councillor for the ensuing year.

Mr. Jesse Grant moved, seconded by Mr. F. Wiley, that Mr. A. L. Skeels be nominated for the office of Councillor for the ensuing year.

Mr. J. W. Elliott moved, seconded by Mr. H. B. Dewsbury, that Mr. W. R. Proctor be nominated for the office of Councillor for the ensuing year.

Mr. I. Crosby moved, seconded by Mr. Thos. Dobson, that Mr. Wm. Atkinson be nominated for the office of Councillor for the ensuing year.

Messrs. Brown, Duncan, Crosby, Law, Dobson, Jos. Powell, Skeels, Proctor, Atkinson, and Dr. Wilson declined the nomination.

At 1 o'clock, p. m., the Returning Officer declared Mr. Wm. H. Pugsley duly elected by acclamation, and adjourned the proceedings in accordance with the statute, to the 5th day of January, 1885.

M. TEEFY,
Returning Officer.

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